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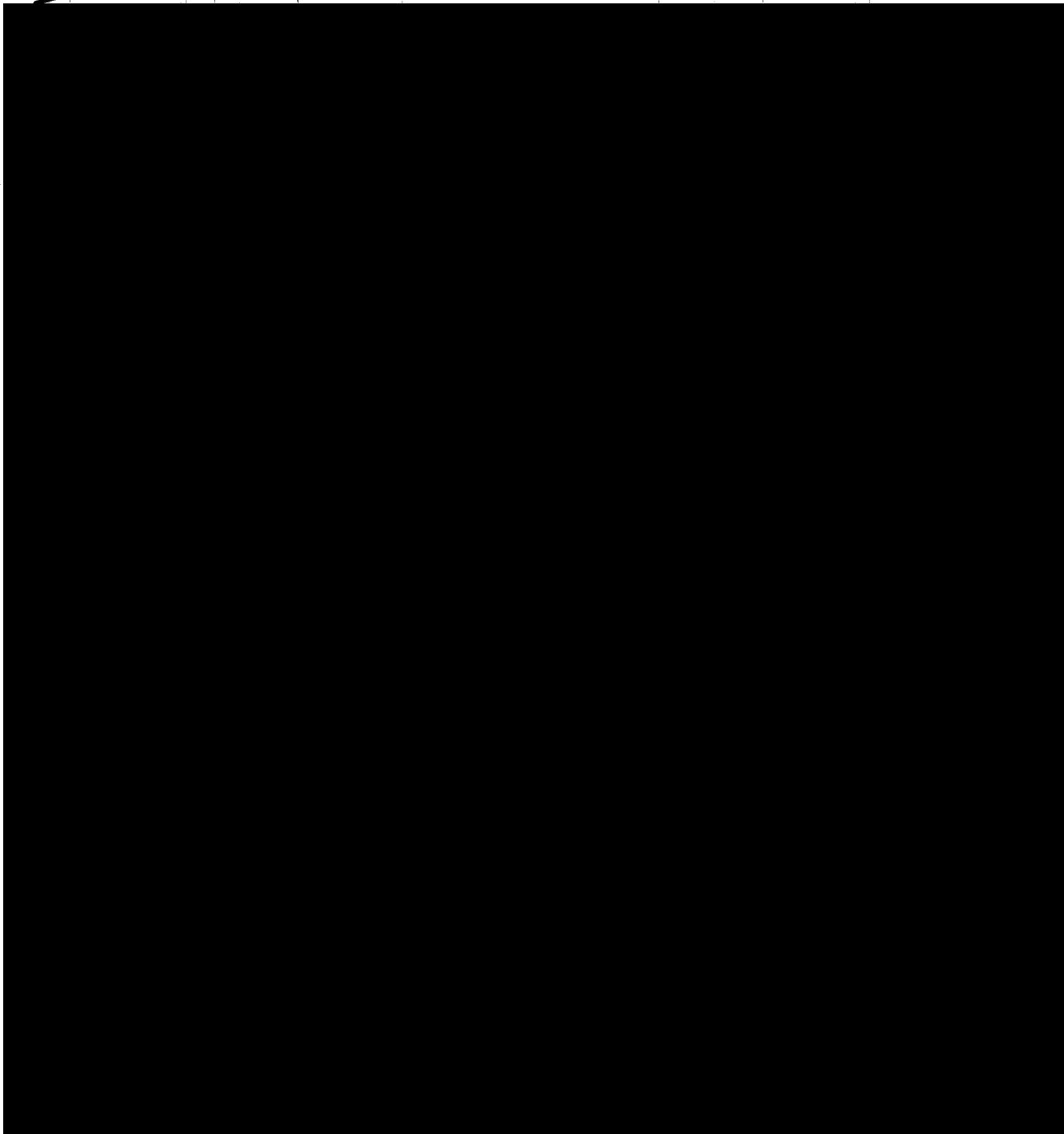
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2. //CHINA: FROM ALL OUTWARD APPEARANCES, PEKING HAS TAKEN A MEASURED VIEW OF THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT AND THE US-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC ARMS THAT RESULTED.//4

//THE CHINESE PRESS HAS MADE ONLY ONE PASSING MENTION OF THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE, AND NO PUBLIC STATEMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE ABOUT THE ARMS AGREEMENT. THE CHINESE HAVE NOT REPORTED STATEMENTS BY US LEADERS CALLING FOR INCREASES IN CERTAIN STRATEGIC WEAPONS PROGRAMS TO FIT THE LIMITS OF THE US-SOVIET AGREEMENT. IN THE PAST, PEKING HAS REPORTED SUCH STATEMENTS TO HIGHLIGHT US DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN ROUGH STRATEGIC PARITY WITH MOSCOW.//4

//THE CHINESE COMMUNIST-OWNED HONG KONG PRESS HAS TAKEN A PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF THE ARMS AGREEMENT. ONE OF THEIR LEADING HONG KONG PAPERS OBSERVED THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE QUALIFIED THE ACCORD AND THAT THE REMAINING "TECHNICAL PROBLEMS" MENTIONED BY US LEADERS COULD EVENTUALLY TORPEDO A FINAL

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//PEKING, OF COURSE, IS ENORMOUSLY SENSITIVE TO MAJOR DEVELOP-
 MENTS IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS AND HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY OUTSPOKEN
 ABOUT SUPERPOWER AGREEMENTS ON STRATEGIC ARMS. FOR INSTANCE, THE
 CHINESE PRESS LAST YEAR REFLECTED APPREHENSION OVER THE IMPLICATIONS
 FOR CHINESE SECURITY OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR
 WAR THAT EMERGED FROM BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO THE US IN JUNE 1973.//4

//ONLY LAST MONTH, THE CHINA NEWS AGENCY RAN TWO ARTICLES DURING
 SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TRIP TO MOSCOW THAT WERE CRITICAL OF US-SOVIET
 RELATIONS IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS FIELD.//4

//PEKING REFRAINED FROM ROUTINE ANTI-US STATEMENTS DURING THE
 VLADIVOSTOK MEETING AND EARLIER STOPS BY PRESIDENT FORD IN TOKYO AND
 SEOUL, APPARENTLY IN PART TO PROVIDE A BACKDROP OF CORDIALITY FOR
 SECRETARY KISSINGER'S TRIP TO CHINA.//4

//IN A BRIEF STRAIGHTFORWARD ACCOUNT OF THE JAPAN STOP, THE
 CHINESE PRESS STRESSED US-JAPANESE "INTERDEPENDENCE," WHICH PEKING
 BELIEVES IS ESSENTIAL TO COUNTER THE SOVIETS IN NORTH ASIA. THE
 CHINESE PUBLICLY IGNORED THE PRESIDENT'S STOPOVER IN SEOUL UNTIL

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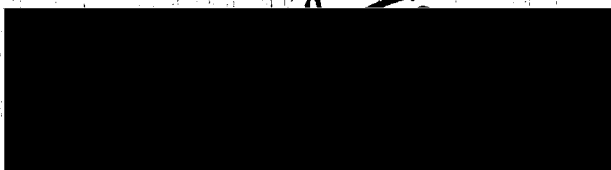
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